



Jesus' Perean Ministry

Luke 13:22-17:10

Remember from Last Week:

- This period is often characterized as Jesus' Perea ministry.
- Again, the title is appropriate, though it needs to be emphasized that Jesus resorts to this place for one reason – His life is in real danger in Judea.
- Only Luke provides any report of these weeks in Transjordan.



Luke 13:22-30

The Ploy of Jesus' Enemies (v. 31)

Just at that time some Pharisees approached, saying to Him, “Go away, leave here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

Understand that they are trying to trick Jesus into returning to Judea where they can get the Roman authorities to move against Him.

Understand Also...

- **It is because of the popularity which Jesus still enjoys with the common man – superficial to be sure, but wild-eyed nonetheless and thus crippling to Jesus' enemies – that His Jewish enemies cannot simply spirit Him away; they must get the Roman authorities involved, and they cannot do that in Perea.**

Jesus' Answer (13:32-35)

32 And He said to them, “Go and tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I reach My goal.’ **33** Nevertheless I must journey on today and tomorrow and the next day; for it cannot be that a prophet would perish outside of Jerusalem. **34** O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, just as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not have it! **35** Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’”

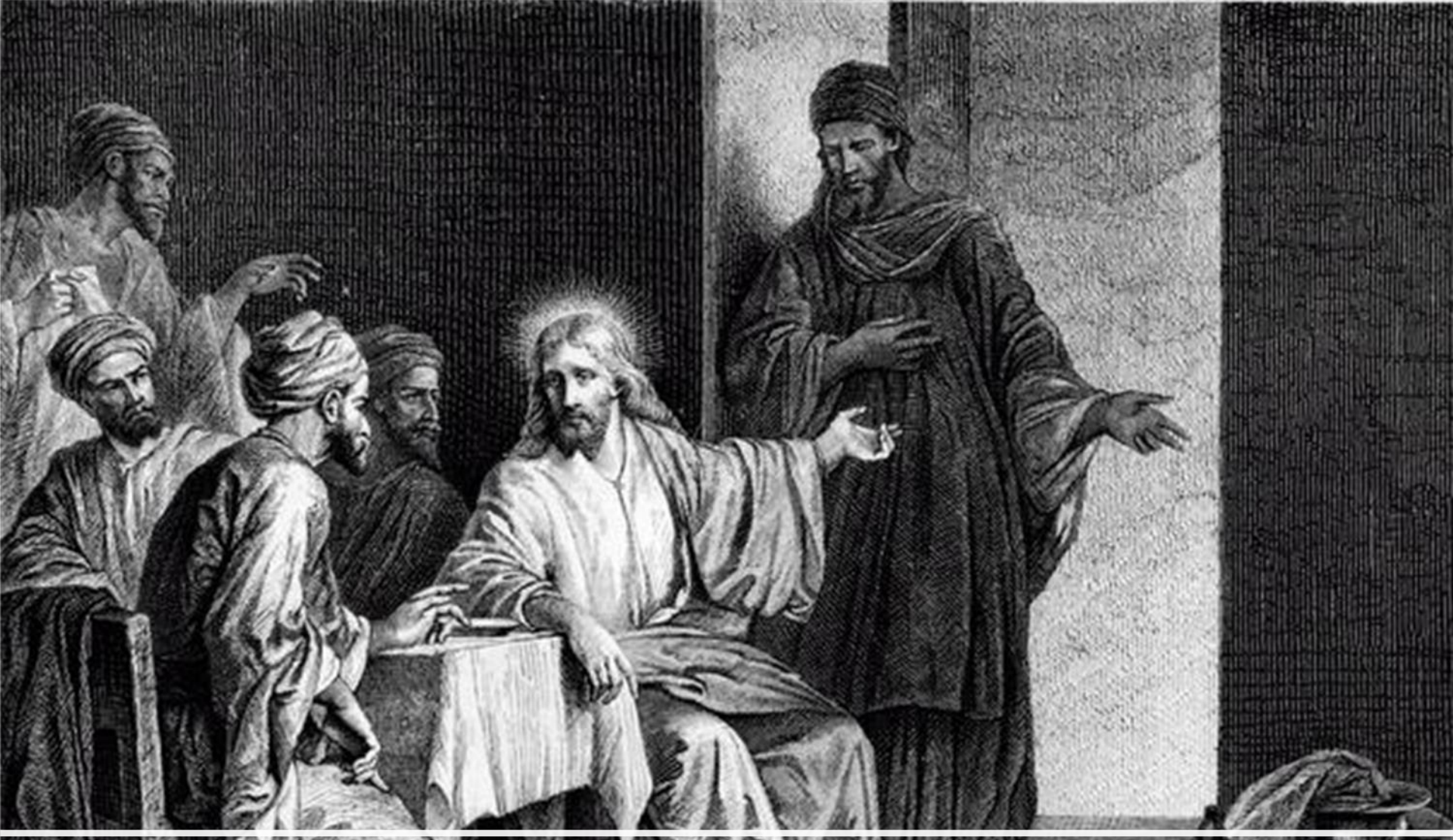
Jesus' Answer is Remarkable

- In the concluding lament, He declares that Jerusalem will not see Him until they welcome Him as Messiah.
- Understand the source and significance of that which Jesus says the city will cry out when they see Him: Psalm 118:26 –
“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.”

Let's Look at Psalm 118 in its Entirety

Jesus' Prediction is Fulfilled

- Some weeks later when He rides into the city of Jerusalem in His triumphal entry and is welcomed with the words He foretells here.
- When Jesus made this prophecy, it was almost unimaginable that it would come to pass; the men to whom He made the prediction were representatives of the most powerful body in Jewry, and they were committed not to let it happen.
- The means Jesus employs to cause it to happen are fascinating; pay attention as we trace those means as the narrative moves toward the Passion Week.



Luke 14:1-24

Note the Pharisees' Intent

“It happened that when He went into the house of one of the leaders of the Pharisees on the Sabbath to eat bread, they were watching Him closely.”



Jesus Speaks Two Parables

1. The feast at which a guest is moved from a seat of honor (14:7-11)
2. The man who gave a great banquet and invited guests refused to come (14:12-24)

Both are spoken in response to the attempt to trap Jesus.

Great Crowds Follow Jesus

**And He warns them to count the cost
of discipleship.**

**Look at
Luke 14:25-35**

Understand

The specific OT ethic which Jesus is imposing upon His followers when He demands that they “hate” mother / father / brother / sister.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one!

5 You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Malachi 1:2-3

2 “I have loved you,” says the Lord. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob; **3** but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.”

Three More Parables (15:1-32)

1. The Lost Sheep (vv. 1-7)

- *Or the searching Shepherd*

2. The Lost Coin (vv. 8-10)

- *Or the searching Woman*

3. The Lost [Prodigal] Son (vv. 11-32)

- *Or the forgiving Father*

Notice Carefully

What precipitated these parables:

The Pharisees and scribes were offended because among the great crowds following Jesus were sinners and publicans.

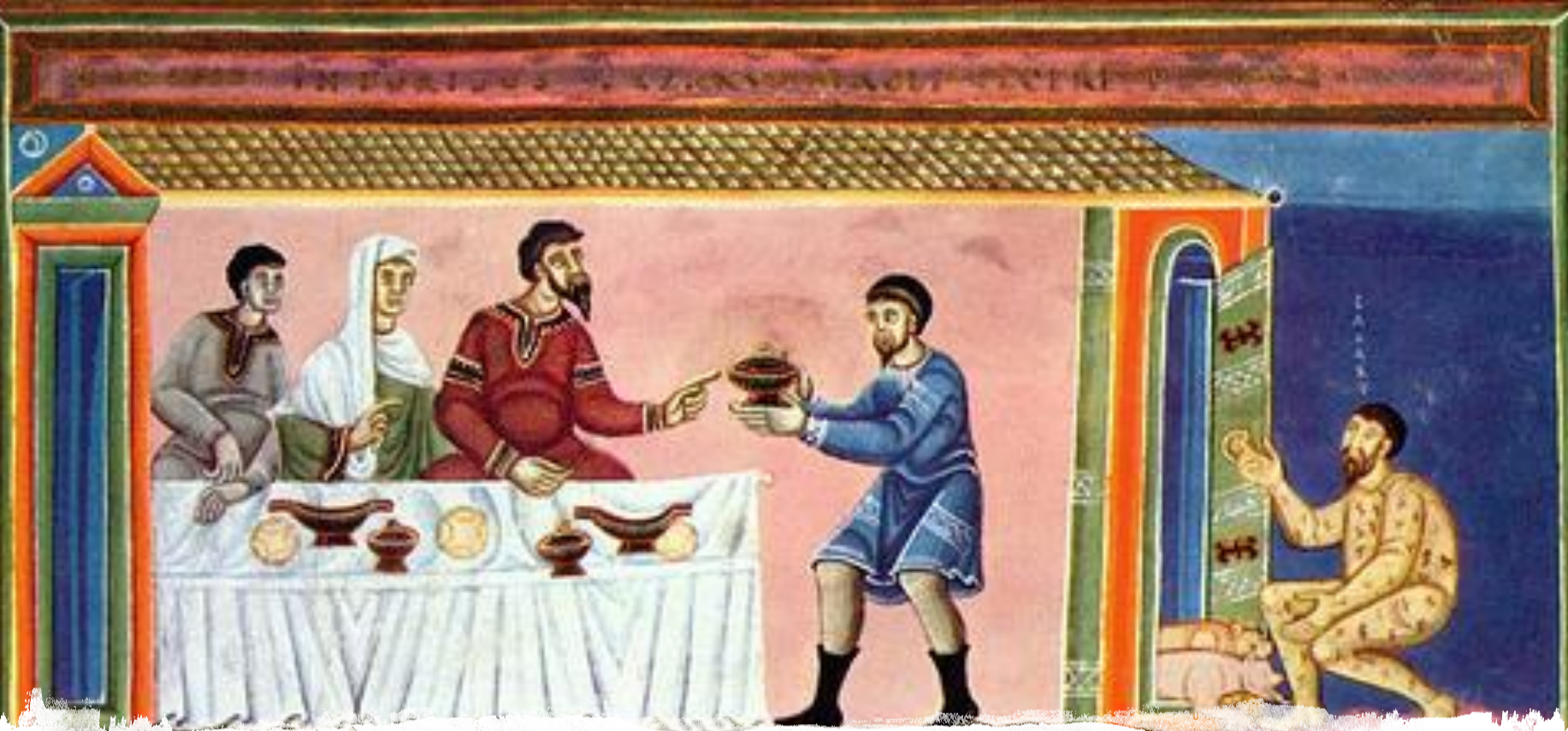
Luke 16:1 – 17:10

- **Three Lessons on Stewardship:**

1. **The parable of the unjust steward**

2. **(To the Pharisees) the rich man & Lazarus**

3. **(To the disciples) the servant who is faithful has only done his duty**



The Rich Man & Lazarus

The dialogues from the afterlife in this passage reveal a series of vital truths that serve as correctives to some modern erroneous doctrines.

Two Questions:

**1. Is this a true story?
Or is Jesus
speaking another
parable?**

2. Is this Hell?

Afterlife Truths

1. **There is immediate consciousness after death; therefore soul sleep is not taught in the Bible.**
2. **Post-death destinies are irreversible; therefore there is no purgatory or second chance of salvation after death.**

Afterlife Truths

3. No one can lose or gain salvation after death. The decisions of this life are final and determinative.
4. The judgments that determine the eternal destinies of either torment or blessing are just.
5. Signs should never be sought as a substitute for the Word of God. The Word of God is the only adequate basis for faith.



Next Week: To Bethany

